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## **Governor Musgrove Welcomes Home Soldiers of Task Force Rifles During Ceremony**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today officially welcomed home the soldiers of the Mississippi National Guard Task Force Rifles. The soldiers served a six-month peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

“As soldiers in the Mississippi National Guard, as soldiers of the Task Force Rifles, as the greatest examples of the true ‘citizen soldier,’ you have made us all proud,” Musgrove said. “Because of the work you’ve done, people are safe. Families in Bosnia welcomed you and, in return, you gave them a peace of mind that had been missing for too long.”

Speaking to the soldiers and their families in the rain, Musgrove recalled a conversation with the military commander of the troops in Bosnia.

“He told me he gave the toughest jobs to the guys from Mississippi, because he knew they’d do the job right, and do it right the first time,” said Musgrove.

Musgrove also issued a proclamation recognizing May 4, 2002, as “Task Force Rifles Day” in Mississippi.

The Task Force Rifles are officially part of the Task Force 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 155<sup>th</sup> Infantry – the seventh oldest in the United States Army.

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